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Reference to

Military Activity  
Dzungarian Gate Area  
USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

MILITARY ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN THE DZUNGARIAN GATE AREA OF THE USSR NEAR THE TOWN OF YUMIN, CHINA.

2. LOCATION:

THE CENTER OF THE ACTIVITY IS APPROXIMATELY 9 NM SW OF YUMIN AND 2 NM W OF THE USSR-CHINA BORDER AT 45-50N 082-25E.

3. REMARKS:

SIXTEEN SIX-GUN FA POSITIONS, AT LEAST 200 FOXHOLES, AND HEAVY SCARRING AND TRENCHING ARE OBSERVED ON THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE BORDER. THIS ACTIVITY WAS NOT OBSERVED IN THIS AREA WHEN IT WAS LAST COVERED IN

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THE LACK OF FRESH SCARRING LEADING TO THE FIELD FORTIFICATIONS INDICATES THAT THE FORTIFICATIONS WERE PREPARED PRIOR TO ONE OF THE EARLIER CLASHES.

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4. COLLATERAL:

SINCE 2 MAY 69 THREE CLASHES BETWEEN SOVIET AND CHINESE FORCES IN THE AREA OF THE HISTORIC DZUNGARIAN GATE HAVE BEEN REPORTED. ON 13 AUG, AS ON 2 MAY AND 10 JUN, THE CHINESE ACCUSED THE SOVIETS OF SENDING TANKS, ARMORED CARS, AND TROOPS ACROSS THE BORDER INTO SINKIANG. HOWEVER, ON 13 AUG THE CHINESE ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE SOVIETS USED HELICOPTERS TO COVER THE ATTACKING TROOPS.

5. MISSION READOUT:

-SIXTEEN 6-GUN FA POSITIONS, AT LEAST 200 FOXHOLES, AND HEAVY SCARRING AND TRENCHING IS OBSERVED ON THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE BORDER. THE AREA APPEARS TO BE UNOCCUPIED. NO TENTS ARE OBSERVED.

OB--NONE

ENLARGEMENT FACTORS: 10X

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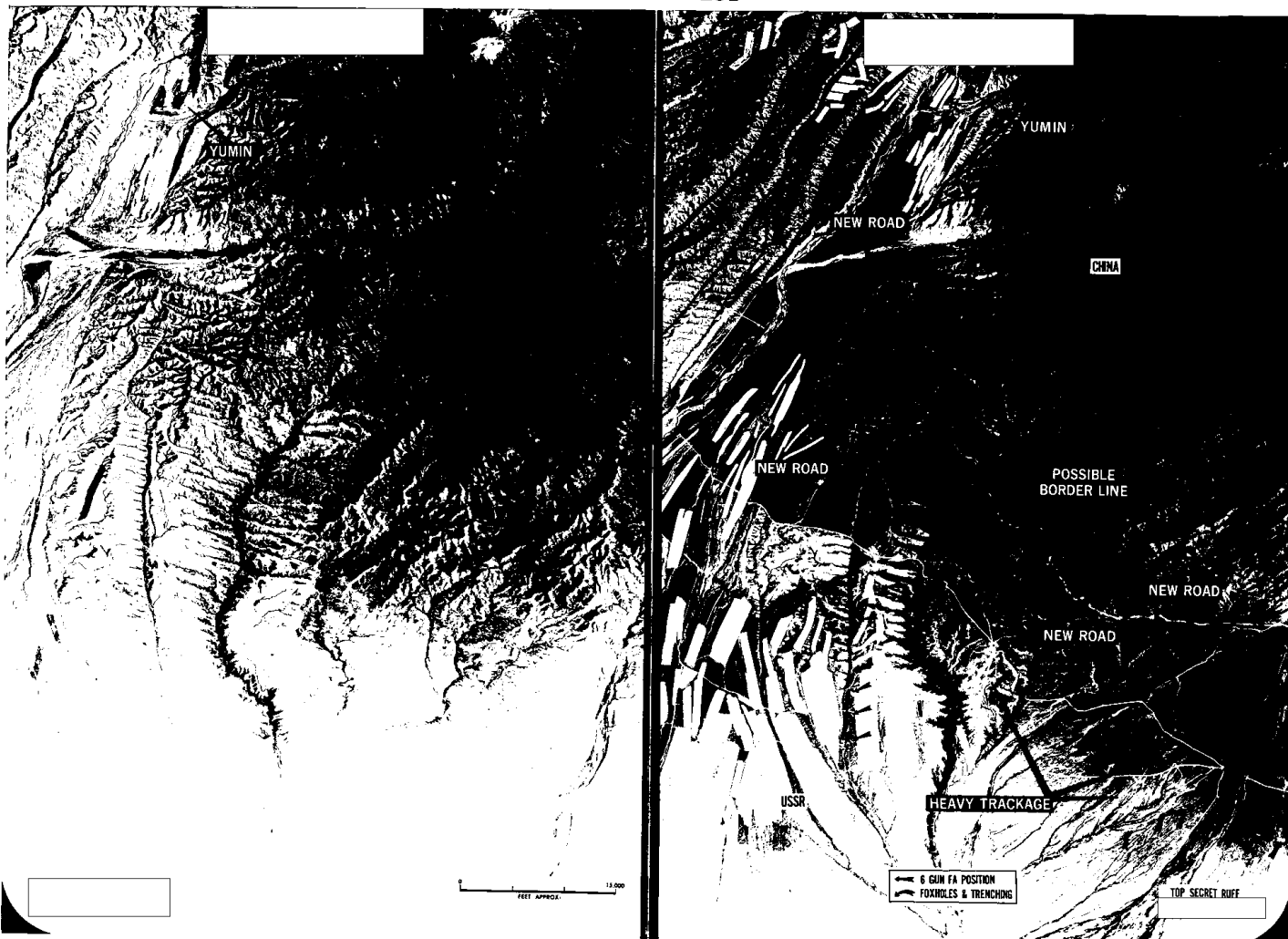
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